

# Program Notice

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## **CERTIFYING FALLING NUMBER TEST RESULTS**

### **1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this notice is to announce that the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) will provide, upon the request of the applicant, Falling Number (FN) test results on a United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA) certificate.

### **2. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This policy is effective for FN test results certified on or after March 3, 2008.

### **3. BACKGROUND**

The FN test is applicable to both wheat and to flour as a processed commodity. FN testing has historically been offered under the United States Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (AMA), with the results reported on a commodity inspection certificate.

The USGSA authorizes the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations, to perform other services for fees, as the Secretary considers appropriate. Under 7 CFR § 800.161 (e) (1) of the regulations for Certificates, "Information and statements requested by the applicant but not required by the regulations or instructions may be shown on the certificate if the information or statements have been approved in the instructions. . ." with the approval of the Administrator.

### **4. POLICY**

At the request of the applicant for service, GIPSA will provide FN test results in the "Results" section of an USGSA certificate. When FN results are reported on an USGSA certificate the qualifying statement "Falling Number results provided under the authority of the Agricultural Marketing Act (AMA) of 1946" must be shown in the "Remarks" section of the certificate.

This certification procedure is applicable only to FN tests that are performed in conjunction with other testing services performed under the USGSA. FN testing performed independent of USGSA services must be reported on an AMA certificate.

**5. FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

File a copy of this notice with FGIS Directive 9180.38, "Falling Number Determination for Wheat", dated 3-20-06, until the directive is revised to reflect the change in certification procedures.

**6. QUESTIONS**

Direct any questions concerning this policy to the Policies and Procedures Branch, at (202) 720-0224.

*/s/ John Giler*

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